HANDS THROWN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT FROM THE COCHIN PORT

179. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):*

(*a*) Will Government be pleased to ascertain from the Cochin Port Authorities how many semi-skilled and skilled men have been thrown out of employment from the Cochin Port on account of the war having been terminated;

(*b*) will they be pleased to inform the House how many of these have been employed elsewhere?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 2,600 skilled and 640 semi-skilled labourers have been disbanded up to 31st October 1945 consequent on the stoppage of defence work on cessation of hostilities.

(*b*) Government have no information.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether the Labour Exchange has got any information about these people who have been discharged?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* This information was collected from the Port Authorities.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether these people have put in petition to the Labour Exchange?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether any effort has been made by the Labour Exchange to procure jobs for these people.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

LABOUR STRENGTH IN COCHIN PORT

180. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the labour strength employed in the Cochin Port on 1st of August 1945;

(*b*) how many of them (men and women separately) were since discharged;

(*c*) has the Government been able to find alternative employment for those who have been thrown out of employment from the Cochin Port; if so, for how many, in what way?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 16,000.

(*b*) Men retrenched between 1st August 1945 and 31st October 1945=7,770.
Women retrenched between do. do. =3,270.

(*c*) Everything possible is being done to provide work for as many labourers as possible by taking up the Public Works Schemes (road, irrigation, etc.); for execution urgently.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Are these people unskilled?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Both skilled and unskilled. I have given it in answer to the previous question.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* These are all unskilled?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* May be.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ടി. ജേക്കബ്ബ്: ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള കാരണങ്ങൾകൊണ്ടാണ് പാറക്കടവിൽ ഗവൺമെണ്ട് പണിയിപ്പിക്കുന്ന കുലിക്കാരുടെ കൂലി കുറച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: പബ്ലിക്ക വർക്സ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽ കൂലി കുറച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്നാണൊ പറയുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ടി. ജേക്കബ്ബ്: തുടക്കം കൊടുത്തിരുന്നതിൽനിന്നു ഉദ്ദേശം നൂറു ആളുകൾക്കു വേണ്ടി വീതം കുറച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. President: Is the Hon'ble Member putting a question about the Harbour labour? I understood him to be putting a question about the labour in the Public Works Department.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Are the Government aware that the wages in the country have gone down?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is likely.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether the Government themselves cut down the wages?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Is the Hon'ble Member asking about P.W.D. rates?

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Are there any complaints that the Public Works Department have reduced the wages?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There was an instance in the Parakudy quarry where the labourers have been paid between Rs. 1—8—0 and Rs. 1—14—0, a reduction of one and two annas was made to some of the workmen. The reason for the reduction was that the many labourers came to us offering for smaller wages and we wanted also to increase the number of labourers. So we thought it would be improper to lower the rate to a certain section of the people and a higher wage to those who already there. So small reduction of two annas was made for some of the worken for the quarrying work Parakudy.

Mr. President: Order, order. The time for question and answers has expired.

CENTRAL EXCISE SUB-INSPECTOR'S OFFICE AND T. P. 3 FORMS

181. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) where there was any time when T. P. 3 forms were not available at the Central Excise Sub-Inspector's Office of Kunnamkulam Range;

(*b*) whether any hand-written forms were issued to the party due to want of printed forms;

(*c*) on how many occasions the T. P. 3 forms were not available at that office?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes, for about 10 days.

(*b*) Yes. The old forms in English were replaced by new forms in Malayalam and that took a few days. Meanwhile manuscript forms sealed with office seal were issued.

(*c*) Only once.

RICKSHAWS—TAX ON

182. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the tax collected on Rickshaws in the Ernakulam and Mattancheri Municipalities separately for the years 1117, 1118, 1119 and 1120;

(*b*) cartstand fees collected in the Ernakulam and Mattancheri Municipalities separately for the years 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119 and 1120;

(*c*) whether the Ernakulam and Mattancheri Municipalities have made any facilities to keep the hackney carriages safe from the sun and rain in their cartstands?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

	Ernakulam	Mattanceri
(*a*)	1117—1699	2184
	1118—1968	2031
	1119—1588	1656
	1120—1468	1610
	(in round figures)	
(*b*)	1115—3018	950
	1116—2732	1250
	1117—2418	1226
	1118—2484	1030
	1119—2705	1070
	1120—2035	1099
	(in round figures)	

(*c*) No. There are no covered Hackney cart stands at present.

ELECTORAL ROLLS—PREPARATION OF

183. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the date on which the existing electoral roll began to be prepared by the village staff and the date on which the same was submitted by them to the Tahsildars;

(*b*) whether any particular officer was placed in charge of the preparation or supervision of the rolls?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) *Date of preparation* *Date of submission to the Tahsildars*

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